

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20171

This proposed legislation simply updates the statutes governing the Idaho Capitol Commission now that the Capitol Restoration and Expansion project is complete. The ongoing activity of the Capitol Commission has been stepped down considerably since the completion of the project and this bill adjusts the statutory responsibilities of the commission accordingly. The requirement for the commission to meet at least four times a year has been reduced to twice a year and the requirement to develop a comprehensive master plan has now been replaced with a requirement to periodically review and modify the plan as appropriate. Two full-time limited service positions which were assigned to the commission during the project have been eliminated, and now the Department of Administration will provide the ongoing financial and administrative support for the commission. The requirement for a capitol building architect position has also been eliminated. The Capitol Commission will continue to have a responsibility to review and approve proposals to remodel or restore the capitol building, review and approve proposals to place art, statues or memorials in the building, and with the consent of the Legislature and Governor, review and approve other exhibits in public spaces in the building. This statute also clarifies the role of a capitol curator to manage and protect the building and its historic collections and exhibits, and assigns possession of furniture to the legislative and executive branches, and directs an annual inventory of such furniture and that such furniture shall remain in the capitol building and is the property of the State of Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will reduce the ongoing costs associated with the Capitol Commission now that the Capitol Restoration and Expansion project is complete. Estimated annual savings to the commission will be approximately \$150,000 annually.

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